MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL SUPERVISORY BOARD

TEH DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:

> That in pursuance of Clause (0 of sub-section (2) of section 7 read with Clause (a) of sub section (1) of Section 8 of the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994, this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one woman member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Central Supervisory Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN (Maharashtra): Madam, I want to raise a question about the textile industry and hank yam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have you taken permission?

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: I have given my notice in the morning. I am sure you arc going to given me permission today.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: it is not here before me in my papers.

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Have I your permission to raise it today, Madam?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not today May be tomorrow we will see.

Okay? But not today becasue for today the names have already been cleared.

SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: I have given the notice in the morning. So, if you can throw-some light on the procedure...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Procedure cannot be discussed on the floor of the House, you come to the chamber, and we will tell you.

RE. ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN THE S.C. RAILWAYS TENDERS

SHRI MOHAN BABU (Andhra Pradesh): Hon. Madam Deputy Chairman, in the South Central Railway, according to press reports which appeared on 30.7.95, 31.7.95 and 1.8.95 in the Andhra Prabha, a Telugu daily, an estimated amount of Rs 25 crores was swindled away in the name of Single Tenders and Special Limited Tenders. By this system, sometimes amounts were paid much more than the estimated amounts, including the South Central Railway. For example, in the Bellary-Rayadurga section, in 1992, to establish the signalling system, Rs 7.45 lakhs more were paid to save time, but the works were not completed in time. In the Hotge-Bijapur section, Rs 16 crores worth of works, and in the Miraj-Londa section, Rs. 145.51 crores worth of works were assigned to a few selected contractors in the name of Special Limited Tenders. This way of assigning works is against Indian Engineering law, sections 1213 and 1214, sub-section (ii) which says that any work which is for more than Rs. 5 lakhs requires calling of open tenders.

But, in the above said cases, the tender information was not leaked out to anybody except a few, selected individuals. Though there were nearly 200 pre-qualified contractors who could execute Rs. 50 lakhs worth of works in Hotge-Bijapur section, 27 contracts of Rs. 60 lakhs each were offered to the selected people, keeping others in the dark because the matter was not disclosed in favour of open tenders.

On the 12th of July. 1995 when all the Andhra Pradesh Members of Parliament